Art, 
Literacy & Learning

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WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT ART ???
Art promotes Hands-On Self-Directed Learning
Art engages Children’s Senses in Open-Ended Play
Art Experience develops specific skills:

- Cognitive
- Emotional
- Social
- Multi-Sensory
Eric Erickson’s

BUILDING BLOCKS for healthy child development:

1) Cognitive
2) Emotional
3) Social
4) Kinesthetic/Sensory
The Art & Literacy Connection:

HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?
ART BUILDS:
Spatial Relations
& Visual Literacy
COMMON ELEMENTS

**Language**
- Lines
- Shapes
- Letters
- Words
- Sentences

**Art**
- Lines
- Shapes
- Color
- Texture
- Volume
COMMON ELEMENTS: Lines & Shapes
Art promotes PRINT AWARENESS
Art promotes symbol awareness

3.5 year old

2.5 year old
Art Enhances

Eye – Hand – Brain Coordination
BioColor Bird Prints  combine 1 footprint + 2 handprints
Art Enhances Verbal & Visual Creativity
Balloon Art: Open Ended Discovery

Balloon Art: Torn & made into an animal
Art Builds Aesthetic Awareness & Self Esteem
Art is a language... not a decoration
Meaningful art experiences provide children with

AUTHENTIC SELF EXPRESSION

The freedom of choice, thought & feeling.
CHILDREN WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE ARTS:

- Imagine, create, express.
- Interpret & reflect life.
- Develop self confidence & self discipline.
- Experience an important window to different cultures & values.
- Think critically, solve problems, and make informed judgments.
- Work cooperatively in groups.
- Appreciate others points of view.
- Are open to new pathways for learning all subjects.